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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 January 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3,5-8,11,13-16 and 21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 4,9,10,12 and 17-20 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3,5-8,11,13-16 and 21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-3, 5-8 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Klein (5,405,159). Klein discloses the use of a rigid cycle seat clamping assembly configured to attach a seat to a cycle, comprising a first structural link (76) having an upper end, a lower end and a cycle seat post for attachment to the cycle using the lower end, a second structural link (74) having a first end, a second end and a cycle seat clamping structure wherein the first end of the second structural link which is connected to the upper end of the first structural link and a support link (71 including 71a-71d) configured for providing support between said first structural link and having a first pivot connection end and a second pivot connection end. Each of the three links is attached to each other in a triangular truss configuration having three pivotal axes. The attachment between second structural link and support links uses the second pivot connection end and second end of the second structural link being proximally located to said seat clamping structure and the attachment between the support link and the first structural link which uses the lower end of the first structural link and the first pivot connection end, see figure 12.

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3. In regards to claims 2 and 6, angular position adjustment means for adjusting angular position of said seat, see column 1 lines 10-17.
4. In regards to claims 3, 7 and 11, further comprised of a horizontal position adjustment means for adjusting horizontal position of said seat, see column 1 lines 10-17.
5. In regards to claim 5, an adjustable, rigid cycle seat clamping assembly configured to attach a seat (70) to a cycle comprised of a first structural link (71) having a cycle seat post for attachment to the cycle at one end; a second structural link (74) pivotal attachment to the first structural link and having a cycle seat clamping structure and a third structural link(76) with a pivotal attachment to the second structural link and pivotal attachment to the first structural link, the attachment between the second structural link being proximally located to the seat clamping structure, within each of the three attachments are arranged in a triangular configuration having three pivotal axes.
6. In regards to claim 8, wherein said angular position adjustment means comprises the quill link (77) for changing the angular position of said seat.
7. In regards to claim 21, each of the three links are attached together so as to resist rotation around longitudinal axes of each of the three links, see figure 12.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

8. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

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(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

9. Claims 13-16 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Klein (5,405,159). Klein shows all structural features of the instant invention.

Klein lacks the specifically recited method of attaching a cycle seat to a cycle.

10. It would have been obvious, if not inherent to one of having ordinary skill in pertinent art at the time of invention to modify Klein by producing the article by the specifically claimed method of attaching steps. Modifying Klein by incorporating the specifically claimed method of attaching steps in its production provides various positions for the occupants use and comfort.

Response to Arguments

11. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-21 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ERIKA GARRETT whose telephone number is (571)272-6859. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 9:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Dunn can be reached on 571-272-6670. The fax

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phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Examiner, Art Unit 3636

July 21, 2008

/DAVID DUNN/

Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 3636